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1. If the Paris Conference results in a more or less permanent division of Germany into East and West, there is an element within the eastern wing of the CDU which will press for a review of the party's current policy. Specifically, it will seek the discontinuance of coalition parties (i.e. the inter-party bloc) and will attempt to transform the CDU into a party of constructive opposition - provided the Russians will tolerate it as such. The aim will be to retard the sovietization of Eastern Germany.
2. It is assumed that the present leaders of the party will not fall in line with this new policy. When it was suggested to Muschke last week that the party's policy be re-examined if the Paris Conference fails in uniting Germany, he checked further discussion of the matter by blurting "Kannenglesserei!" (political twaddle). This reaction amazed and estranged serious-thinking members present. Although the present party chiefs do not agree to the new line, it is thought that a substantial number of party workers on the lower levels will get behind the idea. If a change of policy definitely does not take place, a number of ranking CDU members in the East are expected to give up the ghost and join the western faction of the party.
3. The concept of the neutralization of Germany is assuming an important position in the political thinking of the adherents of the eastern CDU. It is not supposed or recommended that Germany's neutralization take place immediately, which would be illusory, but perhaps in ten years, after the withdrawal of occupation forces.*

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_____ America would increase her prestige enormously by supporting the idea.

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